



Sacred Heart Parish

Low Sunday/ St George

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THIS WEEKSERVICE MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 23rd

Low Sunday/ St George

9:00am Mass -

Kath Hinchy (M Hinchy)

10:45am Mass -

People of the Parish

5:15pm Mass -

Canon Walter Cooksey RIP

Monday 24th

St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

10am Mass -

Alan Lane Ryan RIP

(P Howlett)

Tuesday 25th

St Mark

10am Mass -

Agnes & John Fahy RIP

Wednesday 26th

St Cletus & Marcellinus

10am Latin Mass -

Brian Reece RIP

Thursday 27th

10am Mass -

Parks Family

(Foundation)

Friday 28th

St Peter Chanel

7pm Mass -

Florence Scott

(Foundation)

Saturday 29th

St Catherine of Siena

10am Mass -

Margaret Sore RIP

(Peter & family)

Sunday 30th

Third Sunday of Easter

9:00am Mass -

John Dunlop RIP

(Peter & Terry)

10:45am Mass -

People of the Parish

5:15pm Mass -

Carl Andrews RIP

(J & T Cutler)



CAFOD Vintage Tea - Sunday

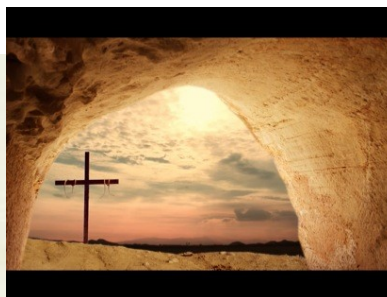
30th April

Please purchase tickets this weekend, or telephone Vera on 01883 348373. (£8 adults, £4 children). This annual event is a real Bank Holiday treat for those who attend (no lunch needed!) Please come with family or friends and help to raise badly-needed funds for CAFOD the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, which helps people directly in their own communities.



Baptism -

Harry Sweeney will be baptised here next week. Please keep him in your prayers.



Easter Greetings from Jordan and Kenya

From Jordan:

I am writing to you on behalf of Fr. Eyad to let you know how much we appreciate your help and assistance to the refugees, God bless you all at the community of the Sacred Heart Parish in Caterham. Happy Easter from the Parish of Saint John the Baptist in Madaba.



Christ is risen. Hallelujah!
May the miracle of Easter bring you renewed hope, faith, love and joy.

From Kenya:

Thank you for your Easter wishes.

Greetings and best Easter wishes from our community here in Kimilili.

Today we had a colourful Way of the Cross and later a celebration of the Lord's Passion.

Fr Willis Wafula



We look at the celebration Confirmation and the fruits of the Holy Spirit

Join us - and also for our consideration of the readings for next Sunday, with ideas from the Lent booklet.

All welcome!

8.00p.m. Wednesday 26th April, in the Old Hall

Today there will be a second collection towards the Lourdes Pilgrimage appeal. This collection is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid but the appeal has their own envelopes you may use. Thank you.

On Wednesday 26th April Stephen Currid, the Community Fundraising Officer from the Cardinal Hume Centre, Westminster, will be giving a talk at Woldingham School at 7pm in the Goddard Room, Main House.

"Can pizza make you homeless"

Please come along and listen to the story of the great work which has been taking place for 30 years based on the ethos of its founder. The Cardinal Hume Centre enables young people to gain the skills they need to overcome poverty where everyone is treated as an individual. Refreshments will be available from 6.45pm and everyone is most welcome.



Caterham Overseas Aid Trust (COAT)

COAT would love you to join us for an afternoon of swing and cool jazz with the Paul Shearing Trio. It's on **Saturday 29th April** from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Tickets are £7.50 each to include refreshments. It's at St John's Church, Clareville Rd, Caterham Valley. Ticket available from Ann 01883 624773 or any COAT member.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Collection for Holy Places:
£329.23

SVP news

◦ Film Club - Monday 24th April, at 2pm in the Old Hall (Saving Mr Banks) All are welcome.

◦ We look forward to welcoming new volunteers at one of our forthcoming meetings in April or May.

◦ The Sacred Heart SVP Conference can be contacted for support at any time on 07599 890043. Confidentiality is assured.

9am Leaven Group

The 9am Leaven Group will meet today at 10am following our 9am Mass in the committee room. Members of the Leaven Group discuss anything relevant to our 9am Mass. All are welcome.

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Your Prayers are requested for the following

persons who are ill or housebound: Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh; Daisy Hill; Christopher Browne; Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale; Pam Weaver; Jimmy Mullen; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen, Mel & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Pat McCoy, Elise O'Connor, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Maureen Kelly, Mary Wallace, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton, Joe Kelly, Ian Lester, Fred Ardley, Cathy Linsell, Charmaine Wise, Breda Sharpe & Derek Walker.



WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 23rd: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses

Coffee and Tea after 9am & 10:45am Mass

Mon 24th: Teas & coffee after Mass

2pm SVP Film club

Tues 25th: 9:15am-11:15am Toddler Group (St Thomas' Hall)

Wed 26th: 8:30am Ecumenical morning prayer (Community Church)
8pm Journey of Faith

Thurs 27th: 7:30pm SVP (Old Hall)

Sat 29th: 1:30pm FHC group B (Old Hall)

10am-5pm Confirmation (St Thomas' Hall)

Sun 30th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses

Coffee and Tea after 10:45am Mass

Gospel Reflection

I suppose, for us Christians, that there is on the whole a tendency to feel a little envious of the apostles. It must have been wonderful to have been with our Lord in his ministry, but that is not quite what I mean; I wonder, whether, if I were an apostle, I might have found it somewhat easier to believe. Today's Gospel, of course, is the corrective proof that even the apostles found belief in our Lord's resurrection difficult to credit.

Part of the problem is that we are inclined to confuse belief with feelings. All of us can have 'off' days, when we do not feel religious at all, but this is not at all the same thing as saying that we do not have faith. Those of us who are parents do not always feel very loving towards our children, but that is quite another thing from actually ceasing to love our children. Instead we continue to behave in a loving way, knowing that if we were to follow only our feelings in their regard all the time, the child protection agency would be round in short order to see what was going on. This is because our feelings are remarkably tricky things: they come and go without our say so, and it would be a foolish person who would base his or her actions on what they felt at any given moment. Hollywood's great ethic of 'follow your heart' and 'do what feels right' is scarcely much use in the real world.

Our belief in the resurrection of our Lord and, indeed, in the whole Christian Revelation, proceeds not from feelings, but from reason (derived from witness evidence, as in the scriptures) and from the common faith of the Church. This means that we may well feel irreligious at times, we may have rational difficulties with this or that doctrine, but none of this prevents us placing our faith and trust in our Lord, in the Gospels and in the Church precisely because we know it to be the right thing to do, and far more reliable than our emotions and instincts. Our Lord in today's Gospel urges us to trust him, and not to ourselves; Thomas failed to trust the witness of the Church (in the persons of the other apostles) to the truth of the Resurrection and was blessed with extraordinary confirmation. We have the same witness of the Church, but not the same confirmation. We have, instead, the wonderful comfort of the Lord for he said 'blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe'.

Hope in a world of turbulence.

A talk by Laurence Freeman, Benedictine monk and the spiritual successor of John Main. He is Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation and author, retreat leader and international speaker.

Fr. Laurence offers us a message of hope that the silence and stillness of contemplative prayer opens within us the spirit of wisdom and compassion bringing us to loving communion with God and one another.

Friday 5th May, 2017. 7 p.m. at All Saints Church, Chichele Road, Oxted RH8 OAG. (No booking required)



Morning Prayer every Monday 9:40am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
every Tuesday 9am to 10am

Rosary every Wednesday & Thursday
9:40am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturdays: 9am – 10am

Confessions every Saturday 10:30am
– 11:00am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual

Succour - after Saturday Mass

Benediction every Sunday 4:45pm